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PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

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NON RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT  
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RESPONSE TO A FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to a First Office Action dated 06/30/2004, which  
20 action is non-final, Applicants respectfully request that the  
amendments and remarks presented herein be entered into the case.

Amendments to the Abstract are shown on page 2 of this  
paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.